

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

[0032] Signal to noise ratio (SNR) of magnetic recording can be improved by increasing the maximum media coercivity for which a head can write magnetic transitions onto the media. It has been proposed in a related application ~~Attorney Docket No. 146712004100~~ Serial No. 10/611,308 that media can be written at much higher coercivity when having magnetic grains with magnetic easy axis at an angle tilted near 45° away from the applied magnetic field. It is thus desirable to form high anisotropy magnetic recording media with easy axis tilted off of the film growth normal by a uniform amount, preferably near 45°.